Inside Worship at Bethel 1-31-21

“How Majestic is Our God?”

**Music: Piano: Mila Khmeleva**

**Hymnist: Sheila Kelley**

Welcome & Announcements – Pastor Barb

Gathering Music:

**Song – “Shout to the Lord” ELW, # 821**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;

Let ev’ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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###### “Come into the Holy of Holies”

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###### Lifting holy hands to the King of kings. Worship Jesus.

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**Welcome & Announcements – Pastor Barb**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

**Hymn – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW, # 836**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
   Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
   Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;  
   Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
   Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
   Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
   Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
   Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
   Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
   Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Sermon **“How MAJESTIC is Our God?”**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: “On Our Way Rejoicing” ELW, # 537**

1 On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

**Refrain:  
On our way rejoicing, as we homeward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

[Refrain]

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**